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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 1,300,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—W. H. FOBBES, Esq.  
Deputy Chairman—Hon. W. KEENICK.  
E. R. BELLIOS, Esq. WILHELM REINERS,  
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CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.  
MANAGER.  
Shanghai, EWEN CAMERON, Esq.  
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.  
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.  
Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

NOTICE.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

THE AGENCY of this BANK at Foo-chow will be CLOSED and WITHDRAWN from 1st July next.

CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS and FIXED DEPOSIT RECEIPTS will be PAID there AT ONCE with INTEREST to Date, or transferred to this Branch at the Exchange of the Day at the option of Constituents.

GEO. O. SCOTT,  
p. Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,  
Hongkong, May 28, 1879.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMpte DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 1st of 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION of 30th April, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP..... £3,200,000  
RESERVE FUND..... £300,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, RUE BERGERE,  
PARIS.

AGENCIES and BRANCHES at:

LONDON, BOURBON, SAN FRANCISCO,  
MARSEILLE, ROME, HONGKONG,  
LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW,  
NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOOCHOW.

LONDON BANKERS:  
THE BANK OF ENGLAND,  
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. G. VOUILLEMONT,  
Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

Bank.

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.  
(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on FIXED DEPOSITS:  
For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. "  
" 3 " 2 per cent. "  
H. H. NELSON,  
Manager.

Hongkong, May 31, 1879.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £200,000.  
RESERVE FUND, £160,000.

Bankers.  
THE BANK OF ENGLAND.  
THE CITY BANK.  
THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.  
On FIXED DEPOSITS.  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 12 " 4 per cent. "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

FOR SALE.

THE GOODWILL,  
LEASE, FURNITURE AND FIXTURES  
OF  
THE CENTRAL HOTEL,  
SHANGHAI—CHINA.

THIS HOTEL, which is Furnished throughout in a very Superior Manner, has been in operation for upwards of 34 Years, and affords an Excellent Opportunity for an Energetic Man, or a Married Couple, to secure a Competency in a few Years.

Terms, and full Particulars, can be obtained upon application to

HALL & HOLTZ,  
Shanghai,  
July 21, 1879. au21

FOR SALE.

THE Undersigned offers for SALE at moderate Prices, an Invoice of PRESERVED MEATS from the SYDNEY PRESERVED MEAT COMPANY, Comprising: Boiled Beef and Mutton, Corned Beef and Soup and Bouilli in 6-lb. Tins, Ox-tongues, Spiced, Corned and Seasoned Beef, Roast and Corned Mutton, Sheep-tongues, Real Turtle Soup, Assorted Soups, Sheep's-head, Compressed Meats, Brawn and Ox-tongues, etc., in 2-lb. Tins.

Also,  
(From Bordeaux),  
CHATEAU DE FRAUDS, a Superior Breakfast Claret at \$5 per Case.  
A few Cases of LAFITTE.  
G. R. LAMMERT.  
Hongkong, July 17, 1879.

F. KLAMPERMEYER,  
186, QUEEN'S ROAD,

BEGS to inform the Public that he has commenced BUSINESS, as a CAFE and RESTAURANT Keeper, and will endeavour to the best of his ability to give satisfaction to those who kindly give him their Patronage.

GERMAN SAUSAGES of all Kinds can be made to Order at the shortest notice, and of the Best Quality.

ICE CREAM at all Times in readiness, and can be supplied to Parties, &c.

F. KLAMPERMEYER,  
Proprietor.  
Hongkong, August 4, 1879. sc4

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & CO.'S CHAMPAGNE, in Quarts and Pintz.  
GIBRE, LIVINGSTON & CO.  
Hongkong, May 26, 1879.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)  
WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL Office.

For Sale.

## NEW GOODS EX RECENT ARRIVALS.

THE New Shapes in HATS.

ACME FILES, and AMBERG'S INDEXICON FILES, the latest improvements for Office use.

EXTRA FINEST ISIGNY BUTTER, New Season's Packing, L. C. & CO.'S OWN BRAND.

LAWN TENNIS, TRAVELLING INK STANDS, Secure. LAMS.

REF. NOTE PAPER and ENVELOPES, TRAVELLING INK STANDS, Secure. BRASS and IRON BEDSTEADS.

ARTISTS COLOURS and COLOUR BOXES, PEZIQUE SETS.

LETTER SCALES.

WALKING STICKS, well selected. AGNOVISITING CARDS.

NURSERY KETTLES and STANDS, New—Portable.

MACKIE'S EXCHANGE TABLES.

SPARKLING SAUMUR, a really Good Dry Champagne at a Moderate Price, Quarts

\$10 and \$11. Pints \$1.50 and \$12.50 per case.

RUINART PERE & FILS' CHAMPAGNE, \$10 per case.

SPARKLING BURGUNDY, RECOMMENDED BY THE MEDICAL PROFESSION FOR INVALIDS.

FINEST FRENCH PLUMS.

DRY MANZANILLA SHERRIES.

RED HEART RUM.

SELECTED SCOTCH WHISKY.

ANGOSTURA BITTERS.

THE MULTIPLEX COPIER, a new and most valuable Invention.

CUMSHAW MIXTURE TEA (a five catty Box delivered at any address in

the United Kingdom for \$8).

MOBLEY'S HOISERY.

PARISIAN SHIRTS.

CALDECOTT'S CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS.

NEW NOVELS.

WORKS OF REFERENCE.

GOLDEN CLOUD TOBACCO.

&c., &c., &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, August 6, 1879.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.  
MR. ALEXANDER PALMER MC EWEN is authorized to SIGN the Name of our Firm.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.,  
Hongkong, August 5, 1879. au12

NOTICE.

I HAVE To-DAY established myself at this Port as GENERAL MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT.

A. SCHOMBURG.

Hoihow, August 1, 1879. au15

Douglas LAPRAIK & CO.

Hongkong, August 7, 1879. au9

Agents.

Bongkong, July 10, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has established himself at the Premises formerly occupied by LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO., Fiddar's Wharf, as AUCTIONEER, APPRAISER and COMMISSION AGENT.

All GOODS intrusted for SALE will be fully covered by FIRE INSURANCE.

G. R. LAMMERT.

Hongkong, July 1, 1879.

INTIMATIONS.

DOG LOST.

LOST, from H. B. M. Consulate, Canton, on the 2nd of May last, a rough-haired SCOTCH TERRIER of an Iron Grey Colour, with cut Ears and Tail, and answering to the Name of "WASP."

There is reason to believe that the Dog is now in Hongkong.

A REWARD of \$10 will be given to any one who will give such information as will lead to his recovery.

H. B. M. Consulate, Canton, August 2, 1879. au18

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT of BONUS for the YEAR 1878, AND to the 30th JUNE, 1879.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their CONTRIBUTIONS from the 1st January, 1878, to the 30th June, 1879, in Order that the Portion of the NET PROFITS to be Reserved for CONTRIBUTORS may be arranged.

Returns not rendered prior to the 31st OCTOBER next will be adjusted by the Company, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 2, 1879. no1

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. ROGERS will visit SHANGHAI during the Summer Months, leaving HONGKONG on the 1st of April next, and returning about 1st November.

## AUCTIONS.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

TO BE SOLD by PUBLIC AUCTION, shortly, on a day to be hereafter named, unless previously disposed of by private contract—

**THE HONGKONG DISTILLERY,** Situate at East Point, Hongkong, now in Complete Working Order, and Capable of Distilling upwards of 2,000 Gallons daily. The Property is of a most valuable nature, comprising THREE PIECES of GROUND close to the water, viz.—Inland Lots Nos. 749, 781, and 782, with the Substantially Built DWELLING-HOUSE and BUSINESS PREMISES, erected specially for the purpose only a few years since, together with the MACHINERY, ENGINES, STILLS, VATS, STOCK, and TRADE FURNITURE and FITTINGS.

For further Particulars, apply to  
MESSRS. SHARP, TOLLER, and  
JOHNSON,  
Solicitors, Supreme Court House,  
Hongkong.

Hongkong, March 5, 1879.

**HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.**

**NOTICE** is hereby given, that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 6th, to SATURDAY, the 16th of August (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, July 31, 1879.

**HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.**

**NOTICE** is hereby given, that the Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be Held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 16th day of August next, at THREE o'CLOCK p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1879.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, July 31, 1879.

**HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

THE DIVIDEND at the Rate of 3% or \$2.25 Per Share, declared at the Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS held YESTERDAY, will be payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank on and after TO-MORROW (THURSDAY), the 31st Instant.

SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply at the OFFICE of the Company for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
P. A. DA COSTA,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, July 30, 1879.

**YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.**

## NOTICE.

IN accordance with the Articles of Agreement, the Directors have declared a DIVIDEND to POLICYHOLDERS for the FIFTEEN MONTHS ending 31st December 1878, of THIRY-THREE PER CENT. on the NET PREMIUM CONTRIBUTED, payable at our OFFICE on and after the 15th Instant.

POLICYHOLDERS are requested to send in particulars of their Contributions.

By Order of the Directors,  
RUSSELL & CO., Agents.  
Hongkong, May 5, 1879.

## NOTICE.

FROM the 1ST or OCTOBER, DR EASTLAKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, NO. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

**Notices to Consignees.**

FROM SAN FRANCISCO AND YOKOHAMA.

## NOTICE.

THE Steamship *City of Tokio*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that all Cargo remaining undelivered at 12 a.m. To-morrow, the 3rd Inst., will be landed and stored at their risk and expense.

RUSSELL & CO., Agents.  
Hongkong, August 2, 1879.

## NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.

CONSIGNNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

## Ex Yangtse.

AME (in diamond) Nos. 16/17, Or, 2 cases T J..... Flannel, from London.

## Ex Anadyr.

Mr Charles Bonnet, 1 case Shirts, &c., from Marseilles.

B & C (in diamond) Order, 150 bales Cotton, from Madras.

## G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.  
Hongkong, July 30, 1879.

## Notices to Consignees.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. PEI-HO.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Gange*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Charge will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignee, before To-morrow, the 6th Inst., at Noon, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriter.

Goods remaining undelivered after TUESDAY, the 12th Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, August 5, 1879.

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

## FOR AMOY.

The Steamship "ESMERALDA,"

Captain TALBOT, will be despatched for the above Port

TO-MORROW, the 9th Inst., at Noon

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & CO.

Hongkong, August 8, 1879.

## FOR SYDNEY &amp; MELBOURNE.

The British Steamer "BENLEDI"

will be despatched as above

on SUNDAY Next, the 10th

Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RIBBLE, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, August 8, 1879.

## FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

The Spanish Steamer "SALVADORA,"

Captain LARRINAGA, will be despatched for the above Port

MONDAY Next, the 11th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

REMEDIOS & CO.

Hongkong, August 8, 1879.

## FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Bark "F. P. LITCHFIELD,"

Captain SPALDING, will load here for the above Port, and

will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

RUSSELL & CO.

Hongkong, August 8, 1879.

## FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Viceroy* having arrived from

the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are

hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium—are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless

notice to the contrary be given before Two o'clock To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the

13th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

Hongkong, August 8, 1879.

## NOTICE.

WE, the LEUNG MIN UN TONG, of

the YEUNG YAN SUN STREET, of

Canton, or Trade name WAN CHAI, and

his BROTHERS and NEPHEWS bag to inform

the Public that we have SOLD all our

BUSINESS and STOCK-IN-TRADE to LEUNG

MAN HOI and his CHILDREN; we have

Settled all the Accounts for Several Years

between ourselves and our Creditors.

Hereafter MIN-UN-TONG, the original title

of the said Firm, or WAN CHAI in English,

together with all its Business belongs to

said LEUNG MAN-HOI and his CHILDREN,

who may do any Business in the above

mentioned Firm's name as he like.

And after this Date, if the Business of the

mentioned Firm will Meet with either Pro-

sperity or Disadvantage, or any Debts for

Goods, or any Kind of Losses, the said

LEUNG MAN-HOI and his CHILDREN will be

Responsible for them, and we have no con-

cern with the Matter. We, therefore, as a

Proof, make this Notice to the Public.

LEUNG KEUNG.

Hongkong, August 8, 1879.

## FOR SALE.

EX American Bark "ANTIOCH"

(Just Arrived),

1, 2, 3 and 4 inch OREGON PINE LUMBER.

S P A R S,

7 to 18 inches (in Slings) 40 to 80 ft. long.

19 to 24 " (at Partners) 80 to 96 ft. "

L. MALLORY,

Hongkong Timber Yard,

(Wanchai).

Hongkong, August 8, 1879.

## NOT Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor

Owners will be Responsible for any

Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew

of the following Vessels, during their stay

in Hongkong Harbour:

BEETHOVEN, German barque, Captain R.

Haje—Melchers & Co.

AGNES MUIR, British ship, Capt. James

Lowe—Meyer & Co.

SAIN MARK, British steamer, Captain

Johnson—Meyer & Co.

HAZEL HOME, British barque, Capt. J.

Wm. Millican—Adamson, Bell & Co.

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

Aug. 7, *Benteli*, British steamer, 1000, J. Ross, Foochow Aug. 5, Tea—Grinn, Livingston & Co.

Aug. 8, *Salvadora*, Spanish steamer, 315, Juan M. Larrinaga, Manila Aug. 5, General—REMEDIOS & CO.

Aug. 8, *Esmeralda*, British steamer, 379, Talbot, Manila Aug. 5, General—RUSSELL & CO.

Aug. 8, *Viceroy*, British steamer, 1843, Comyn, London June 20, via ports of call, and Singapore Aug. 1, General—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

Aug. 8, *Danube*, British steamer, 561, Clancy, Bangkok Aug. 1, General—YUEN FAT HONG.

Aug. 8, *Glenyle*, British steamer, 1263, Quarley, Shanghai July 22, and Foochow Aug. 6, Tea—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

Aug. 8, *Namoa*, British steamer, 862, Westoby, Foo

insensible from a sunstroke, and one of the hands was laid up, from the same cause. The thermometer ranged during the 11th and 12th ultimo from 99 to 101. The ship was stopped, and lay broadside to windward, so that what breeze there was might purify and cool the air of the cabin &c.

The American Mail, with San Francisco dates up to about the 1st June, arrived in Hongkong on the 8th ultimo and was forwarded to Bangkok by the steamer *Danube* on the 16th. The *Siam Weekly Advertiser* says that if the Post-master General at Hongkong had sent the Bangkok letters to Singapore as soon as they arrived, they would have reached Bangkok several days earlier. The plain fact of the matter is, we may state for the information of our growing contemporary, that the route for Bangkok via Singapore can never be depended upon, is almost invariably a failure, and therefore is never used.

The Shanghai papers to hand this evening give long accounts of the M. B. steamer *Gentian Maru*, Capt. Geo. Connor, having been seriously imperiled in a typhoon on her passage from Nagasaki to that port. She experienced very severe weather and sustained great damage to her hull. The upper deck abaft the funnel was smashed in on both sides, while the boats which were carried at the davits of this quarter were broken up. The paddle boxes and guards have also suffered. The lowest reading of the barometer was 28.68 at 8 and 9 p.m. on the 31st ultimo. Mr. Denny, U. S. Consul at Tientsin with his wife and daughter; the Rev. T. P. Crawford, Mrs. Crawford and Miss Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. S. Dyer, Capt. J. J. Tucker, Mr. Fred. Shorter, the billiard player, and Mr. A. Webster were passengers. All were saved, on their arrival at Shanghai, an address was presented by them to the Captain bearing testimony to his brave and gallant conduct. The typhoon subsisted in violence, during the afternoon and evening, (31st), all the storms veteran commander had previously experienced, and this is the fourth typhoon he has been in on the coasts of China and Japan. No lives were lost, but some of the men were badly burnt in throwing overboard the deck cargo, sulphuric acid, which had broken loose.

CAPTAIN Didier, of the M. M. steamer *Djennah*, reported at Singapore on his arrival from Hongkong, that on the 28th ultimo in Lat 5° 15' North and Long 105° 48' East, he spoke the English ship *Eme*, of London, which wished to be reported, all well.

The following is the official return of the Customs revenue levied in the port of Yokohama during 6 months ending June last:—

Duty on Exports	258,613.936.
" Imports	469,347.051.
Port charges	3,970.00.
Warehouse charges	2,068,149.
Miscellaneous Storage charges	1,872,000.
Fines	317,788.
Miscellaneous taxes	204,714.
Total	736,393.633.

The *Choya Shimbun* says that the Buddhist religion has latterly decreased very much in influence in China, its only followers being those of *Zen* *Shiu*; and that *Tendai* and *Shingon* *Shiu* (branches of Buddhism) have been almost entirely abandoned. In consequence the books relating to that religion which have been imported here from China are unprocured in the latter country. Chinese priests are said to have now requested Japanese priests to collect and send them, copies of all books relating to the Buddhist religion to enable them to restore the prosperity of their sect.

A most extraordinary circumstance is reported by the *Straits Times* to have occurred near the residence of Captain Schulze, at Tanglin:—

On Sunday last, the waterman of Captain Hedges, whose family now occupy the house, was fetching drinking water from a Spring well within the grounds, when his pail fell into the water, and on attempting to recover it, he dredged up a heavy bundle of matting. On opening it he found stones placed at the bottom to secure its sinking, and on the top were about 500 wild-dates plants each cut open with a knife, and they are all reported to be poisonous. Judging from the appearance of the bundle, it could not have been in the well for more than two days, but it is believed that it had not been discovered, the family and the servants who use the water would all, when the poison had been eliminated from the plants, have been poisoned. Suspicion rests upon some natives who in Captain Hedges prosecuted on charges of theft, but who have since been discharged. It is to be hoped, a strict inquiry will be held, and the miscreants who planned this dastardly act be brought to Justice.

A LETTER has appeared in the *Echo*, says the London correspondent of the *Penang Gazette*, on the subject of the bestowal of the sovereignty of Macao on the Maharajah of Johore. The whole question is fully entered into in this letter. Papers are expected with reference to Macao, and the question will be again raised in the House.

In connection with recent telegrams concerning the Cape and Sir Garnet Wolseley, the following notes from the London correspondent of an Indian contemporary are interesting:—

Sir Garnet has been called to patch up a peace on any terms, and he is the man to obey. Neither Lord Beaconsfield nor Eng. will inquire too keenly into the conditions of the terms, or chances of future

safety to Natal if Cetewayo is ready to make a peace shortly after the arrival of the plenipotentiary. It is said that a member of the Government said something to the following effect to Sir Garnet Wolseley:—"Recollect that a peace will, in our eyes, better earn a peacock than the most splendid victory which might not close the campaign." This fortunate soldier, not forty-five years of age, is certain of this peacock if he brings home a treaty in his pocket, and clears the way for the General election. But nothing he can do is likely to produce such a splendid termination of this Asiatic war as Lord Lytton's energy and ability have given to the Asiatic campaign. In the event of an early termination of the war, I am told, Sir Garnet Wolseley, besides a peacock, is to have the rank of the military Command-in-Chief in India two years hence.

#### THE REVENUE OF THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

A comparative statement of the rates for which the three principal farms of the Government of the Straits Settlements were let for the three years ending 1878, and that for which they have just been re-let for the next three, has been published. The Singapore opium and spirit farms have been let for the latter period to Koh Cheng Hooi for \$792,000, being an increase of \$27,200. The pawnbrokers' farm has been let to Lim Eng Bee & Co., for \$80,766, being an increase of \$2,796, and a total increase of \$279,996 for Singapore. At Penang the opium farm has been let to Ong Beng Tek for \$140,640, an increase of \$183,048, the spirit farm to Koh Cheng Hooi for \$178,500 being an increase of \$52,200, and the pawnbrokers' farm to Lee Yang & Co., for \$38,112, being an increase of \$20,882, a total increase of \$256,080 for the Penang farms. The opium and spirit farms at Malacca have been let to Li Keng Liat for \$72,600 and \$27,000 respectively, an increase on the previous rate of \$32,400; the pawnbrokers' farm there is let to Chan Kim Hoe and fetched \$2,100, an increase of \$300; the total increase for Malacca is thus \$32,700, and for the whole nine farms \$668,776 per annum, or an increase of \$170,328 for 1880-2 as compared with 1877-9. In regard to the re-letting of these farms the Singapore public do not seem to be quite satisfied that the Government has taken care to exact sufficient security from the new farmers, and there has been considerable correspondence on this subject in the local newspapers; but we observe that, in the Legislative Council debate, the Colonial Secretary stated that no apprehension need exist in the public mind on that score, and that the nature and value of the securities exacted were everything that could be desired. The Colonial Secretary (Mr Cecil C. Smith) said:—"There has been some excitement in the community as to their increase; alarm has been felt in some quarters lest the Government should have been rather hasty in accepting a new farmer, and it has been suggested that we should have gone over the old lines and given the Farms to the present farmer. There is no doubt, however, in the minds of the Government that those to whom it is intended to entrust the Farms will be able to carry out their contract. Though in this instance the head of the company is resident at Penang, yet he has been able to get to join with him many Chinese of substance in this Settlement. Then, while in former years the Government has only thought it necessary to require a personal contract, it has now asked for security not only in money but in title-deeds of land. There is no doubt in our minds that the security is sufficient; and I trust that if that feeling of apprehension still exists it will be allayed, because there is really no ground whatever for alarm." The financial position of the Settlements is this:—The revenue of 1878 exceeded that of 1877 by \$1,000 while the expenditure was less by \$4,292. Judging from the results of the first half of the current year, there need be no doubt, says His Excellency, that the revenue of the whole year will be sufficient to meet the expenditure. This is not very brilliant, but with the very appreciable annual increase from the re-letting of the farms for the next three years, the prospects of the revenue in the future are, as His Excellency remarks, exceedingly satisfactory. The assets of the Colony, it appears, amounted on the 1st January last to \$1,537,950, and the liabilities to \$863,399, leaving a credit balance of \$674,550; there was in the Treasury at that date the very respectable sum of \$500,499, which, however, had diminished on the 1st instant to \$276,162.

#### Police Intelligence.

(Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.)

Friday, August 8th.

#### MILD METHOD OF SETTLING A DIFFERENCE.

Two coolies were having a quarrel over a gambling transaction on the Praya yesterday; one of them, Lo Afong, wishing to end it quickly threw a large stone at the brother coolie with whom he had the difference. The stone missed its intended mark and struck another coolie on the head. The prisoner admitted the charge, and said he struck the complainant accidentally. A fine of \$2, or ten days' hard labour, will probably make him more careful in his aim when he resorts to such a summary mode of settling a dispute.

(B. for the Hon. C. B. Plunket.)

WORKING HIS PASSAGE.

An unemployed native named Chung Aling, who formerly made his living as a water carrier, being rather "hard-up" yesterday, was advised by a friend to go and steal something, to enable him to raise the wind. He followed the friendly advice, and was found in possession of a piece of wood, valued at eighty cents, belonging to Tam Kam Sing, contractor. A month's free board, lodging and washing, with a reasonable amount of labour, and a trip to his native country, not at his own expense, will, it is hoped, improve him morally and physically.

Cheng Kwong Nang, remanded from the 6th instant, on a charge of stealing \$1048, the property of his master, was again brought up to day.

Further evidence was taken, but was merely of a corroborative description.

Prisoner was not defended by Mr Denyer, as was stated by a slip of the pen on a previous reference to this case. Mr Denyer recollects that a peace will, in our eyes, better earn a peacock than the most splendid victory which might not close the campaign." This fortunate soldier, not forty-five years of age, is certain of this peacock if he brings home a treaty in his pocket, and clears the way for the General election. But nothing he can do is likely to produce such a splendid termination of this Asiatic war as Lord Lytton's energy and ability have given to the Asiatic campaign. In the event of an early

termination of the war, I am told, Sir Garnet Wolseley, besides a peacock, is to have the rank of the military Command-in-Chief in India two years hence.

#### BREACH OF THE OPIUM ORDINANCE.

Lam Achan, remanded from yesterday on a charge of boiling opium without the permission of the Opium Farmer, was further remanded till to-morrow, being admitted to bail in \$100.

A COUNTRY COUSIN DONE.

As Liu A Ut, a farmer, was walking along Queen's Road to-day he saw a crowd gambling with three sticks, and, being curiously inclined, stopped to watch the game; he was asked by one of the gamblers, Chan Apat, if he had any money to speculate, and answered that he had five cent pieces, but did not care to gamble; whereupon the wily one asks: leave to examine the money to ascertain if it were good. The farmer showed him the money, which he ran off with, and was caught by P. C. 283, who took him in charge.

Defendant's version of the story was rather different to that of the farmer, as he says he won the fifty cents at "Sam Chi Chuk."

His Worship, expressing his opinion that prisoner did not possess the appearance of a hardworking man, although describing himself as a bricklayer, fined him \$5 or fourteen days with hard labour for the impudent theft.

#### THE TAI WAN MURDER CASE: PRISONER COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Lee Pak Wong, remanded from the 5th inst. on a charge of having murdered a stone-merchant, named Tsang A Sam, aged 68, on the 4th of July last, at Tai Wan, was again brought up to day. At the last sitting, the second defendant in this case, Le Kat Sz, was discharged, there being no evidence against him except the statement of the man now in charge, which, from investigations made by the Inspector in charge of the case, could not be supported in any way whatever.

Dr Wharry was called to-day and made the following statement:—"On the 9th July last the body of a Chinaman was brought to the Civil Hospital; I examined it the following morning; it was much decomposed. There were several punctured wounds on the body in front of the neck, one of them at the upper end of the breast-bone, being about one inch and three quarters in length. There were several smaller wounds a little higher up. On the left cheek was an almost vertical incision, about two inches long, passing near the corner of the mouth. The lower jawbone was denuded and laid bare on the right side, apparently the result of a severe wound, such as might have been done by a sharp blow from a cutting instrument. There were three wounds in the abdomen; from one on the left side, a vertical puncture about two inches long, the intestines were protruding. On the right side of the abdomen was another cut nearly three inches in length; a little lower down there was also a cut. The back of the right hand was partly laid bare and appeared to have been cut on the lower edge; the knuckle of the middle finger was also wounded; there was no bone attached to the body. Any one of the severer wounds might have caused death.

Witness was shown the two daggers, marked I. and J., and said that in his opinion the wounds he had described could have been caused by the instruments shewn him.

This, for the present, closed the case for the prosecution; two more witnesses are wanted, but are at present out of the Colony.

Prisoner was committed for trial at the Supreme Court, and on the advice of his solicitor, Mr Denny, reserved his defence.

A CHRISTIAN AND FORGIVING SPIRIT.

Mr. Thomas Ide Bowler found it necessary, yesterday, to lodge a complaint against a fishmonger named Lau Chin Sui, who had used threats against his life, causing him, for the time being, to go about in fear and trembling. A good night's rest, however, had brought back Mr. Bowler's courage; he appeared in Court to-day and withdrew the charge in a magnanimous manner. Prisoner was discharged.

SUPREME COURT.

#### IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before His Honor the Acting Fusing Judge, J. J. Francis, Esq.)

Friday, August 8th.

#### TSAN AFPOOK v. THE MESSENGERS MARITIME.

This was a claim for \$241.50, value of a junk and cargo, alleged to have been sunk by a lighter belonging to defendants.

Mr E. Sharp appeared for the plaintiff, Mr Brereton for the defendant.

The case occupied the Court yesterday and the day before. On the Court assembled to-day.

His Honour said he was prepared to decide against the defendants; even on the evidence of the Master of the lighter himself, he was prepared to hold that he had done wrong in three or four ways and rendered his lighter liable.

Mr Brereton consented to a judgment for the plaintiff, with costs.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

#### THE PROPOSED SPIRIT FARM FOR HONGKONG.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, 8th Aug.

SIR.—Herewith I beg to send you a copy of a Chinese petition forwarded to the Colonial Secretary's Office, by the Tung Wu Hospital Committee on Monday, the 4th inst., about the Spirit Farm Ordinance. It was chopped and signed by over 1800 of the principal Hongkong Traders, and also by the Tung Wu Hospital Committee. The Chinese think if the Spirit Farm Ordinance be passed and become law, it will be a great hardship to the poor hard-working classes, owing to the fact that they would have to pay double for their drinks; which they can hardly be able to afford from the pitances they earn by their daily toil.

It would farther be an injury to the Import and Export trade and the business of the Colony in general.

H. M.

[The document which the above correspondant sends simply embodies, in petition form, the resolutions passed at the meeting of the Tung Wah Hospital Committee reported in our issue of the 7th July.—ED. C. M.]

#### China.

#### AMOY.

#### (Gazette.)

The steamer *Oceanic*, Captain Metcalfe, of the O. & O. S. S. line, arrived on Saturday at about 3:30 p.m. from Hongkong. After taking a portion of cargo of Tea, she left again yesterday (3rd) at 10 a.m. for Yokohama, and San Francisco.

#### FOOCHOW.

#### (Herald, July 31.)

A Court of Inquiry into the circumstances attending the grounding of the British barque *Hedwig* was held at the Vice-Consulate on the 26th instant.

We regret to learn that the third officer of the S. S. *City of Santiago* died of dysentery on the morning of the 20th instant. The deceased was interred at Pagoda Anchorage cemetery the same day.

The statement in our last issue as to the arrival of a new Governor was incorrect.

The late governor left Foochow about ten days ago, and the Fanti is acting in the meanwhile—pending the arrival of the newly-appointed incumbent.

We understand that the newly appointed Imperial Commissioner for the southern provinces, H. E. Ting Jih-chang, has decided upon placing the coast line of this province and Formosa in a better state of defense. To this end, His Excellency has, we hear, ordered heavy artillery from Europe for the forts at Anping in Formosa, and Min ngan below Pagoda Anchorage.

A foreigner, evidently suffering from the effects of over-indulgence in alcoholic beverages, has been wandering about the settlement in a state of semi-nudity since

Sunday last. The unfortunate man, who speaks with a strong Scotch accent, appears to have no friends in Foochow, and every door seems to be closed against him.

Day and night he rambles over the settlement, begging chiefly for drink, and he has become a nuisance to many of the residents.

He has been sent to the British Consulate several times, but either from lack of suitable accommodation there or from other causes, he is still at large, and continues to be a source of annoyance to the residents generally.

We certainly think that there should be some sort of provision at the respective consulates, or elsewhere, for taking charge of men who, as in the present instance, are obviously incapable of looking after themselves.

In the *Peking Gazette* of June 1st (translated by the N. C. Herald) we find a curious memorial from the Governor-General and Governor of this province. These



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Hongkong, July 30, 1879. au12

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Hongkong, August 4, 1879. au18

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G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
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Hongkong, August 6, 1879. au19

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